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MOSCOW CITES TURNER ON CONTINUING CIA'S SECRET PAYMENTS

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(TEXT) THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES INTEND TO CONTINUE THEIR SECRET OPERATIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS WAS STATED BY THE AGENCY'S NEW DIRECTOR, ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER, IN A TV PROGRAM. HE SPOKE IN PARTICULAR IN DEFENSE OF THE SO-CALLED PAYMENTS PRACTICED BY HIS AGENCY, OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO THE BRIBES GIVEN THE LEADERS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. TURNER DESCRIBED SUCH PAYMENTS AS SECRET AID, WHICH HE SAID MAY AT TIMES BE AN ORDINARY AND LEGITIMATE INSTRUMENT IN FOREIGN POLICY.

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*Good! At least
the Soviets recognize
it!*

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